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# United States Department of the Interior

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## **2012 Superintendent's Compendium, Mount Rainier National Park** Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

### **Executive Summary of Changes from 2011 Compendium**

#### **Introduction**

National Park Service (NPS) regulations applicable to the protection and equitable public use of units of the National Park System grant specified authorities to a park superintendent to allow or restrict certain activities. NPS regulations are found in Titles 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and created under authority and responsibility granted the Secretary of Interior in Titles 16 and 18 of the United States Code. The following compendium comprises a listing of NPS regulations that provide the Superintendent with discretionary authority to make designations or impose public use restrictions or conditions in park areas. The applicability and scope of the compendium is articulated in 36 CFR Sections 1.2.

The larger body of NPS regulations that do not provide discretionary authority to the Superintendent is not cited in this compendium. A complete and accurate picture of regulations governing use and protection of the unit can only be gained by viewing this compendium in context with the full body of applicable regulations found in Title 36 CFR. *Please contact the Chief Ranger's Office, Mount Rainier National Park, 55210 238<sup>th</sup> Ave. East, Ashford, WA at 360-569-6611 for questions relating to information provided in this compendium.*

#### **Changes for 2012**

There were two changes made in the 2012 Compendium:

- 1) 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1), Closures-Wilderness. A clarification to the existing wording of this regulation states that in designated Wilderness areas throughout the park, the possession or use of any machine, conveyance, device or vehicle is prohibited. This includes all wheel or wheeled vehicles except for wheelchairs when used by persons with disabilities in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act. This clarification brings the park Compendium language in line with the Wilderness Act of Sept. 3, 1964.
- 2) 36 CFR §2.10 – Camping and Food Storage. This change requires those camping in the Paradise winter camping zone from Oct. 1 through May 14 to store all food and garbage in a hard sided storage container. The purpose of this regulation is to prevent wildlife from obtaining food or garbage from campers by eating through unsecured bags or food

containers. Allowing wildlife to obtain human food in this manner endangers the public and wildlife alike by providing an enticement for accidental human/wildlife interaction.